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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: SYG'S PROGRESS REPORT

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1. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH USYG URQUHART APRIL 9 ABOUT SC
CONSULTATIONS ON LEBANON SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10, AMB.
LEONARD SUGGESTED COUNCIL FIRST DISCUSS QUESTION OF
ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, SINCE KUWAITI AMB. BISHARA
HAD REQUESTED SESSION FOR THAT PURPOSE. SYG'S
PROGRESS REPORT ON UNIFIL COULD BE DEALT WITH
TO EXTENT NECESSARY AT END OF MEETING.

2. URQUHART AGREED AND SAID REPORT WOULD BE DATED
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APRIL 10 AND DISTRIBUTED ONLY DURING CONSULTATIONS.
HE NOTED THAT, CONTRARY TO ORIGINAL PLAN (SEE PARA
5 REFTTEL), REPORT WOULD CONTAIN ONLY SUMMARY OF
WALDHEIM'S LETTER TO BEGIN, NOT FULL TEXT, AND HE
CONFIRMED THERE WOULD BE ONLY SUMMARY OF BEGIN'S
LETTER AS WELL. (PLAN TO INCLUDE SUMMARY OF LETTER
HAS BEEN REPORTED TO ISRAELI MISSION, URQUHART SAID.)

LEONARD EXPRESSED HOPE WORD "CONDITIONAL" WOULD NOT APPEAR IN SUMMARY. URQUHART AGREED IT SHOULD NOT AND CHECKED DRAFT. HE FOUND WORD WAS INCLUDED BUT CHANGED IT TO READ THAT WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE "RELATED TO" UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT.

3. COMMENT. THIS NARROW ESCAPE DEMONSTRATES AGAIN HOW BADLY WE NEED THE SORT OF ISRAELI PUBLIC STATEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL WHICH US HAS BEEN URGING. SOME INDICATION OF TERMINAL DATE BY WHICH ALL ISRAELI FORCES WILL BE OUT OF LEBANON WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL. IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT, ALTHOUGH UN IS NOT MAKING BEGIN LETTER PUBLIC, IT IS BY NOW AVAILABLE TO QUITE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE SECRETARIAT, PROBABLY INCLUDING SOVIETS.
LEONARD

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